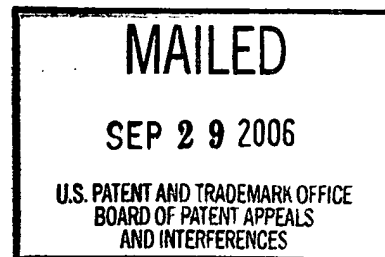


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Application No. 10/036,999

ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was electronically received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on September 18, 2006. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for review and consideration. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below.

REPLY BRIEF

On August 31, 2006, appellant filed a Reply Brief in response to the Supplemental Examiner's Answer mailed July 10, 2006. There is no indication on the record that the Reply Brief has been reviewed or considered. Written acknowledgment of such consideration is required.


CONCLUSION

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is returned to the examiner to:

- 1) consider the Reply Brief filed August 31, 2006,
- 2) a written communication notifying appellant of such consideration is required; and
- 3) for such further action as may be appropriate.

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